

# ONTARIO COUNTY

## FARM STATISTICS

April 2000

Ontario County is located in the Finger Lakes Region of west central New York. In 1998, there were 203,500 acres in farms, 49 percent of the county's total 412,160 acres. There were 835 farms in the county averaging 244 acres per farm. Ontario County ranks 17th in the state for number of farms and 12th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$78.0 million. Total sales averaged \$112,692 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, vegetables, corn for grain, cattle and calves, and fruit and berries.

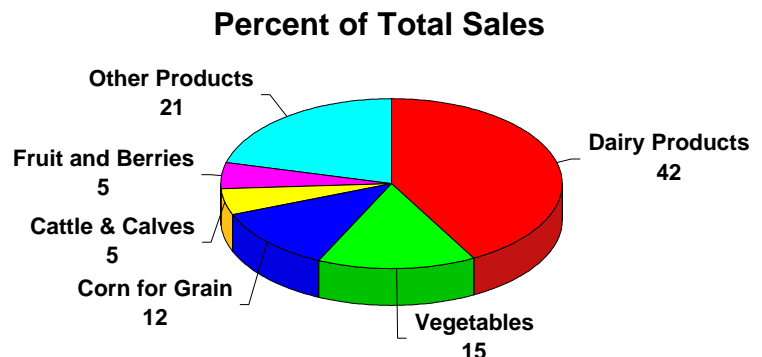
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$388,031. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$83,089 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$67.6 million for an average of \$97,976 per farm. The Census showed 57 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.5 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$24,125.

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales	Percent of Total	County Rank
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Dairy Products	32,861	42	22
Vegetables	11,944	15	6
Corn for Grain	9,433	12	2
Cattle & Calves	3,781	5	21
Fruit and Berries	3,536	5	14
Other Products	16,428	21	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>77,983</b>		<b>9</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

### LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	3,093	319,018	5/	5/	35,667	5/
1950	2,507	303,255	210,341	30,467	38,326	24,121
1959	1,896	283,839	197,344	25,678	34,904	25,913
1969	1,364	242,716	178,129	5/	30,657	5/
1978	967	227,489	175,612	7,853	26,386	17,638
1982	962	218,910	170,172	7,471	23,966	17,301
1987	930	208,800	168,900	4,700	20,000	15,200
1992	855	199,700	157,100	8,800	20,400	13,400
1993	870	197,300	155,200	8,400	19,700	14,000
1994	860	194,900	155,200	7,700	18,400	13,600
1995	845	197,700	157,700	7,300	18,400	14,300
1996	835	197,500	158,800	6,800	18,100	13,800
1997	830	199,800	162,300	6,500	18,100	12,900
1998	835	203,500	163,800	6,900	19,000	13,800

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	335	290
\$10,000 to \$49,999	169	180
\$50,000 to \$99,999	81	74
\$100,000 or more	140	148
Farms Reporting	725	692
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

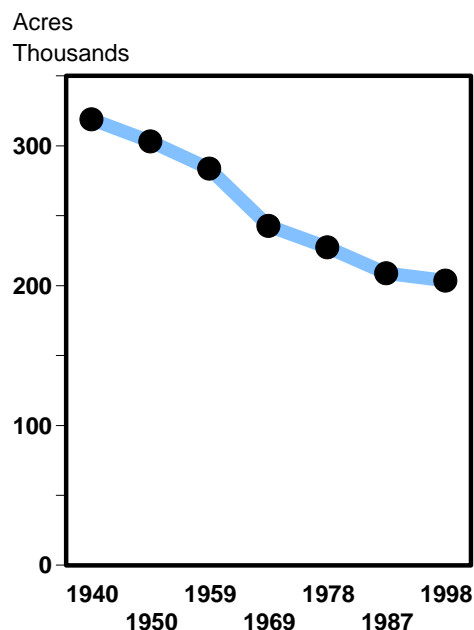
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 27th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	55,300	86
1950	60,200	93
1960	68,100	106
1970	78,800	122
1980	88,900	138
1990	95,100	148
1998	99,662	154

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	23,746	1/	1/
1950	32,259	1,043	15,807
1959	38,164	1,514	18,172
1969	29,003	1,988	11,852
1978	32,000	1,900	12,500
1982	38,500	2,200	12,500
1987	29,500	2,500	11,500
1992	28,000	2,200	11,500
1993	28,000	1,800	12,000
1994	27,000	2,200	12,000
1995	27,000	2,000	11,000
1996	32,000	1,800	14,000
1997	31,000	1,700	13,500
1998	32,000	1,500	14,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	12,200	11,900	145.2
1982	11,500	12,900	148.4
1987	11,000	14,600	160.6
1992	12,000	17,000	204.0
1993	12,000	17,800	213.6
1994	13,000	17,500	227.5
1995	13,500	18,100	244.3
1996	13,500	17,800	240.3
1997	14,500	17,700	256.7
1998	15,000	18,100	271.5

1/ Not available.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	17,184	40.3	692,240
1950	1/	19,476	30.5	594,652
1959	1/	23,868	65.3	1,557,400
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	19,800	19,500	60.8	1,185,400
1982	15,900	15,400	75.3	1,159,400
1987	10,700	9,700	60.0	582,000
1992	4,900	4,800	71.0	340,880
1993	5,000	4,900	66.0	323,400
1994	3,300	2,800	66.0	184,800
1995	3,900	3,400	58.0	195,500
1996	4,000	3,300	54.0	179,000
1997	4,700	4,200	70.0	294,000
1998	5,100	4,900	60.0	294,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**WHEAT: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	24,934	26.0	648,218
1950	1/	34,073	28.4	969,181
1959	1/	22,841	34.0	777,587
1969	19,200	17,800	40.3	716,900
1978	7,100	6,700	32.0	214,400
1982	16,700	15,000	48.0	720,000
1987	10,400	9,400	47.0	441,800
1992	11,900	11,000	59.0	649,000
1993	9,700	8,700	46.0	400,200
1994	12,600	12,100	54.0	653,400
1995	13,700	13,500	52.0	702,000
1996	16,900	16,000	43.0	688,000
1997	14,300	14,000	58.0	812,000
1998	14,800	13,700	57.0	780,900

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

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**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	15,316	9,129	39.9	363,853	1/	1/	1/
1950	15,962	8,112	47.6	385,788	7,270	9.0	65,464
1959	23,974	14,796	63.3	937,061	8,905	10.7	94,855
1969	31,200	18,400	85.5	1,572,900	1/	1/	1/
1978	59,600	48,500	83.3	4,042,000	10,300	12.5	128,750
1982	69,000	58,500	97.0	5,674,500	10,200	15.2	155,000
1987	48,000	40,900	112.0	4,580,800	7,000	16.5	115,500
1992	48,100	34,900	98.0	3,420,200	11,100	18.9	209,800
1993	46,400	36,300	115.0	4,188,600	9,700	13.3	129,000
1994	46,800	38,300	121.0	4,647,100	8,500	17.6	150,000
1995	49,200	41,700	102.0	4,251,000	7,400	14.7	108,800
1996	51,700	42,500	100.0	4,229,600	9,100	16.3	148,000
1997	52,600	40,500	112.0	4,536,000	11,600	16.3	189,100
1998	52,900	40,700	119.0	4,826,800	12,200	17.8	217,100

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	23,181	1.7	40,486	28,183	1.2	32,461	51,364	1.4	72,947
1950	15,775	1.9	29,718	23,905	1.4	33,213	39,680	1.6	62,931
1959	34,792	2.4	82,717	12,187	1.9	22,904	46,979	2.2	105,621
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	38,281	7.0	90,940
1978	25,700	2.4	61,700	10,500	1.8	18,900	36,200	2.2	80,600
1982	22,400	2.8	62,700	9,500	2.0	19,000	31,900	2.6	81,700
1987	23,500	2.9	69,000	14,000	2.1	29,800	37,500	2.6	98,800
1992	16,400	2.8	46,100	6,700	2.2	14,800	23,100	2.6	60,900
1993	16,100	2.8	45,000	8,200	2.2	17,800	24,300	2.6	62,800
1994	14,300	3.4	48,000	8,100	2.5	20,100	22,400	3.0	68,100
1995	15,200	3.0	45,600	6,800	1.6	10,900	22,000	2.6	56,500
1996	15,700	3.1	48,700	5,900	1.8	10,500	21,600	2.7	59,200
1997	16,000	2.5	39,200	7,800	2.0	15,600	23,800	2.3	54,800
1998	15,000	2.3	34,300	6,800	2.2	15,200	21,800	2.3	49,500

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available